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FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE MASK HAVING A NEW UNIDIRECTIONAL FLUID VALVE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action mailed January 28, 2002. Please amend this application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

- 33. A filtering face mask that comprises:
- (B) a mask body that is adapted to fit over the nose and mouth of a wearer; and
- an exhalation valve that is positioned on the mask body substantially opposite to a **(b)** wearer's mouth, the exhalation valve comprising:
 - a valve seat that comprises: (1)
 - a seal surface: (i)
 - an orifice that is circumscribed by the scal surface; and (ii)
 - cross members that extend across the orifice to create a plurality of openings within the orifice; and
 - a single flexible flap that has a fixed portion and only one free portion and first and second opposing ends, the first end of the single flexible flap being associated with the fixed portion of the flap so as to remain at rest during an exhalation, and the

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